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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED MEETING ON PRESS AGENCIES POOL

1. PLENARY DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED JULY 9 WHILE TWO COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE BEGAN WORK ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF CONFERENCE. FIRST COMMITTEE CONSIDERING YUGOSLAV DRAFT PROPOSAL ON NEWS POOL WHILE SECOND COMMITTEE IS REVIEWING THE REPORT OF THE TUNIS SYMPOSIUM HELD IN MARCH AS WELL AS QUESTION OF MUTUAL REDUCTION OF CABLE RATES FOR NON-ALIGNED NEWS TRAFFIC.

2. NEPALI DIPLOMAT ATTENDING THE SESSIONS TELLS US THAT THE GENERAL LINE OF COMMENTS IN PLENARY ON JULY 9 IS SIMILAR TO THAT REPORTED SEPTEL ON JULY 8. THUS FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO POLITICAL "INSTRUCTIONS" IN PLENARY OR COMMITTEES.

3. ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTS THAT AFRICAN GROUP WAS PERSISTENT IN SEEKING BUREAU POSITIONS. IN ADDITION TO THE IR ALLOTTED SLOT AS VICE PRESIDENT, THEY SUCCEEDED IN NABBING CHAIRMANSHIP OF BOTH COMMITTEES (MAURITIUS AND GHANA) AS WELL AS RAPPORTEUR POSITION ON SECOND COMMITTEE (SENEGAL). ARABS REPORTEDLY BEGAN TO FEEL LEFT OUT AND POSITION OF RAPPORTEUR GENERAL WAS CREDITED FOR IRAQ. TUNISIA NOTABLY WAS LEFT OUT AS THE POSITIONS WERE DISTRIBUTED.

4. THERE IS SOME FEELING HERE THAT CONFERENCE MAY NOT IN FACT RESULT IN FINAL AGREEMENT ON POOL. ONE AFRICAN DIPLOMAT SAID NO

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ONE KNEW WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. THE INDIAN DELEGATION IS RE-

PORTEDLY EAGER TO HAVE FINAL DECISIONS LEFT FOR FURTHER STUDY AFTER COLOMBO SUMMIT. ACCORDING TO THIS VERSION THEY BELIEVE DELAY WILL PREVENT TANJUG FROM CONTROLLING THE NEW ORGANIZATION.

5. CONFERENCE WILL BREAK SATURDAY MORNING FOR THE WEEKEND TO ALLOW DELEGATES TO VISIT LOCAL TOURIST SITES. WITH COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE ON MONDAY THIS PERHAPS IS INDICATIVE OF PROGRESS CONFERENCE CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE ON CONCRETE PROPOSALS.  
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